A Token, for the CHILDREN of NEW-ENGLAND.

OR,

Some EXAMPLES of

Children,

In whom the Fear of GOD was Remarkably Budding, before they Dyed; In Several Parts of

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Preserved and Published, for the ENCOURAGEMENT of PIETY in other

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unwearied constancy, recommend himself by his own *Prayers* unto the Mercies of God.

Arriving higher in his Age, he was very Conscientious of his Duty, both to God, and Man; and particularly careful of his Fathers *Business*, which now became his own *Calling*. At Work with his Father in the Field, he would frequently be propounding of *Questions*, by the Answers whereof he might be promoted in the knowledge of God: and at the seasons which others usually imploy to vain purposes, he would be abounding in the exercises of Devotion. But of all the Imitable things to be seen in him, he was exemplary for nothing more, than his endeavours in *Preparation* for, and *Sanctification* of, the *Lords Day*. Yea, his Parents have affirmed, that for a Year or two before he Dy'd, *They never heard an Unprofitable Word come out of his Mouth*; but he would often bewayl the Idle, Trifling, Vain Discourses of other People.

About a Year and a half before he Dyed, the Good Spirit of God, Blessed him, with yet a more thorow Conviction of his Misery by reason of *Sin* both *Original*

ginal, & *Actual*: whence tho' he had been such a *Pattern* of *innocency*, yet he would aggravate his own *Sinfulness*, with Lamentations truly extraordinary. And for his Relief against the *Terrors* of God, wherewith he was now *Distracted*, he was brought unto an utter Despair of his own Righteousnesses and Abilities; but in this Condition, he came to Adore the Grace of God, offering a JESUS who is *Able to Save unto the Uttermost*: In his Longings to enjoy the Love of God, through *Jesus*, he was like the *Hart panting after the Water-brooks!*

The Wounds of his *Spirit*, were accompanyed with a Languishing and Consuming of his *Flesh*; yet with great Patience he endured the Hand of God, & he followed the Lord with *Prayers*, with *Cries*, with *Tears*, for the manifestation of the Divine Love unto him.

It was also Observed and Admired, that when he was abroad at the Publick Worship, in the time of his Weakness, he would *Stand* the whole time of the Long exercises, and be so affectionately attentive, that one might see every Sentence uttered in those Exercises, make some impression upon

upon him. The best *Christians* in the place professed themselves, made ashamed by the Fervency of this *Young Disciple*! And in Days of Publick *Humiliations*, or *Thanksgivings*, kept with regard unto the general Circumstances of the Countrey, he would bear his part, with such a sense of the Publick *Troubles* or *Mercies*, as argued more than a common measure of a Publick *Spirit* in him.

The Minister of the Place, visiting of him, after Sickness had confined him, found him, in an extreme dejection of Soul; his very Body Shook, through his Fear, lest the *Day of Grace* were over with him; yet justifying of God, though he should be forever cast among the Damned. But yet his *Fears* were accompanyed with *Hopes* in the Alsufficient merits of the Blessed *Jesus*: in which *Hopes* he continued using all the *Means of Grace*, according to his Capacity, and Lamenting after those whereof he was not Capable.

A Month before he Dy'd he kept his Bed; the *First Fortnight* whereof he was very Comfortless, and yet very *Patient*; abounding all this while in Gra-

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cious Admonitions unto other Young People, that they would be concerned for their own Eternal Salvation. And you should not now have heard him complain, that he wanted *Health* and *Ease*, though he did *so*; but that he wanted *Faith*, and *Peace*, and *Christ*; yet Expressing a profound Submission to the Will of God. But in the *Last Fortnight* of his Life, this poor Child of God, had his weary Soul more comfortably Satiated with the *Promises* of the *New-Covenant*. God filled him with a marvellous Assurance of His Love, and so *Sealed* him with His own *Spirit*, that he *Rejoyced with Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory*. He would often be saying, *Whom have I in Heaven but thee? and there is none on Earth, that I desire besides thee; My Flesh and my Heart faileth, but God is the Strength of my Heart, and my Portion for ever.* And, *I know that my Redeemer Lives, and that He shall Stand in the Latter Day upon the Earth.* And, *If I Live, I shall Live unto the Lord; if I Dy, I shall Dy unto the Lord; and whether I Live, or Dy, I am the Lords.* And, *When Christ, who is my Life, shall appear, then shall I also appear with Him in Glory.* He would profess,

that his Communion with the Lord Jesus Christ, was *Inexpressible*; and the Spectaters judg'd his Consolations, to be as Great, as could be born, in a mortal Body. Being now asked, *Whether the Thoughts of Dying Troubled him not?* He replyed, *No, Death is no Terror to me, because Christ has taken away my Sin, which is the Sting of Death.* But being asked, *Whether he was willing to Live?* He answered, *I am willing to submit unto the Will of God; but if God have appointed me to Life, I desire I may Live to His Glory.* And being asked, Whether God had put out of Doubt, his Interest in a Dying and Rising *Jesus?* He returned, *Yes; and God has fully answered my Desires; I am now going to a thousand times better World.* He told his Mother, *I Love you as dearly as my own Life, yet I had rather Dy, and be with Christ.*

He continued *Six Days*, with his *Teeth* so shut, as that they could not be opened; and for the first *Three Days* and Nights, he took no Sustenance; afterwards, though this but seldome, he Sucked in between his Teeth, nothing but a little *Cold Water*; in which Time, they that Laid their Ears to his Lips, could

could over-hear him continually Expreſſing his Comfort in God. But juſt before his Death, his Teeth were opened; when he would often ſay, *Oh! how precious is the Blood of Chriſt, it is worth more than a Thouſand Worlds!* and often pray, *Come, Lord Jeſus, Come quickly!* and at Laſt, he gave up himſelf to God, in thoſe words, *Lord Jeſus, receive my Spirit.* He deſired his Mother to turn his *Face unto the Wall*; whereupon ſhe ſaid, *John, Doſt thou now Remember* Hezekiah's *Turning his Face unto the Wall?* He ſaid, *Yes, I do Remember it*: and as ſhe Turned him in her Arms, he ſo quietly breathed his Soul into the Arms of his Bleſſed Saviour.

[Extracted out of the Account Written and Printed, by Mr. *Witherel*, & Mr. *Eaton*, Miniſters of *Scituate*; and Prefaced by Mr. *Urian Oakes*, who takes that Occaſion to ſay, of this *John Clap*, *He was a Young Old Man, full of Grace, though not full of Dayes.*]

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EXAMPLE II.

MR. *Thomas Thornton*, the aged and faithful Paſtor of *Yarmouth*, was bleſſed with a Daughter, named *Briſcilla*, which at the Age of Eleven, left this world, having firſt given demonſtrations of an Exemplary Piety.

She was one remarkably grave, devout, ſerious; very inquiſitive about the matters of Eternity; and in her particular Calling very diligent. She was nevertheleſs troubled with ſore *Temptations* and *Exerciſes* about the ſtate of her own Soul: the Anguiſh of her Spirit, about her *Body of Death*, cauſed her to pour out many tears and prayers; and ſhe preſſed, That ſome other pious Children of her acquaintance, might with her keep a Day of Humiliation together, *That* (as ſhe expreſſed it) *they might get power againſt their ſinful Natures.* But it pleaſed God at length to bleſs the words of her Godly Mother, for the quieting of her mind. It was her ſingular Happineſs, that ſhe had ſuch Godly Parents; but it was her Opinion and Expreſſion, *We truſt too much to the Prayers*

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of our Parents, whereas we should Pray for our selues.

At last, she fell Mortally Sick. In the beginning of her Sickness, she was afraid of Dying; *For*, said she, *I know of no Promise to encourage me.* She could not but own that she had in some measure walked with God; yet she complain'd, *That she had not found God meeting her in her Prayers, and making her Heart willing to be at His Dispose*; and that the *Pride* of her heart, now lay as a *Load* upon it. She own'd, That she had many Thoughts of Jesus Christ, and that *it grieved her that she had Sinned against Him, who had* Done & Dy'd *for her.*

But many dayes were not past, before she could profess her self *Willing to Dye*, with some Assurance of her then going to Eternal Blessedness. Many Thanks and Loves did she now render to one of her Superiors, declaring, *'Twas because they had curb'd her, and restrain'd her from sinful vanities.* And she said, *Were I now to choose my Company, it should be among the People of God; I see plainly, that they are the only Company.* She was not without her Conflicts in this time, wherein one of

her Speeches was, *Damnation, that is the worst thing of all, but Christ is of all the best; I find it so; Christ is to me, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption.* She told her Father, she knew she was made up of all manner of Sin; but said she, *I hope God has Humbled me, and Pardoned me, in the Merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.* Unto her affectionate Mother she said, *Mother, why do you Weep, when I am well in my Soul? Will you* Mourn, *when I am so full of* Joy? *I pray Rejoyce with me.*

When she was extreamly spent, she said unto her Parent, *O my Father, I have been much troubled by Satan, but I find Christ is too hard for him, and Sin, and all.* She now said, *I know now that I shall Dye;* and being asked, Whether she were afraid of Death; with a sweet smile she replied, *No not I, Christ is better than Life!* And so she continued in a most joyful frame, till she Dyed: a little before which, it being the *Lords-day*, she asked, What time of the day 'twas, and when they told her, 'Twas Three of the Clock; she replied, *What? Is the Sabbath almost done?*

done? Well, my Eternal Sabbath is going to begin, wherein I ſhall enjoy all Felicity, and ſing Hallelujahs to all ETERNITY. And hereupon ſhe quickly fell aſleep in the Lord.

EXAMPLE III.

MR. NATHANAEL MATHER, dyed *Oct.* 17. 1688. at the Age of Nineteen, an Inſtance of more than common Learning and Vertue. On his Grave-ſtone, at *Salem*, there are theſe words deſervedly inſcribed, The Aſhes of an Hard Student, a Good Scholar, and a Great Chriſtian.

He was one, who uſed an Extraordinary diligence, to obtain skill in the ſeveral *Arts*, that make an Accompliſhed *Scholar*; but he was more diligent in his Endeavours to become an Experienced *Chriſtian*.

He did with much of Solemnity enter into Covenant with God, when he was about Fourteen years old. And afterwards he Renewed that ſolemn Action, in ſuch a Form as this.

'I do Renounce all the *Vanities* and 'Wretched Idols and Evil Courses of the 'World.

'I do Choose, and will ever Have, the 'Great God, for my Best Good, my 'Last End, my Only Lord. He shall be 'the Only One, in the Glorifying and 'Enjoying of whom shall be my Welfare; 'and in the Serving of whom shall be my 'Work.

'I will ever be Rendring unto the Lord 'Jesus Christ, my proper Acknowledg-'ments, as unto my Priest, my Prophet, 'and my King; and the physician of my 'soul.

'I will ever be studying what is my Du-'ty in these Things; and wherein I find 'my self to fall short, I will ever count it 'my Grief, and Shame; and betake my 'self to the Blood of the Everlasting 'Covenant.

'Now, Humbly Imploring the Grace 'of the Mediator to be sufficient for me, 'I do as a further Solemnity, hereunto 'Subscribe my Name, with both Heart and 'Hand.

Having done This, he did for the rest of his Life, walk with much Watchfulness, & Exactness,

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One of the *Directories*, which he drew up, for himself, was This.

'O that I might lead a *Spiritual Life*! 'Wherefore let me regulate my Life by 'the *Word* of God and by ſuch Scriptures 'as theſe.

'1. For regulating my *Thoughts*, *Jer.* 4. '14. *Iſa.* 55. 7. *Mal.* 3. 17. *Pſal.* 104. 34. '*Phil.* 4. 8. *Prov.* 23. 26. *Deut.* 15. 9. *Eccleſ.* '10. 20. *Prov.* 24. 9. *Mat.* 9. 4. *Zech.* 8. 17.

'2. For regulating my *Affections*, *Col.* 3. '2, 5. *Gal.* 5. 24. For my *Delight*, *Pſal.* 1. 2. '*Pſal.* 37. 5. For my *Joy*, *Phil.* 4. 4. *Pſal.* 43. '4. My *Deſire*, *Iſa.* 26. 8, 9. *Ezek.* 7. 16. My '*Love*, *Mat.* 22. 37. *Pſal.* 119. 97. My *Ha-* 'tred, *Pſal.* 97. 10. My *Fear*, *Luk.* 12. 4, 5. 'My *Hope*, *Pſal.* 39. 7. My *Truſt*, *Pſal.* 62. 8. '*Iſa.* 26. 4.

'3. For regulating my *Speech*, *Eph.* 4. 29. '*Col.* 4. 6. *Deut.* 6. 6, 7. *Pſal.* 119. 46. '*Pſal.* 71. 8, 24. *Prov.* 31. 26.

'4. For regulating my *Work*, *Tit.* 3. 8. '2 *Tim.* 2. 12. 1 *Tim.* 5. 10. *Tit.* 2. 14. '*Mat.* 5. 47. 1 *Tim.* 6. 8. *Rev.* 3. 2. *Rom.* 13. '12. *Act.* 26. 20.

Another of his *Directories*, was form'd into an *Hymn*.

'*Lord*, what shall I return unto
'Him from whom all my mercies flow?
'(I.) To me to *Live*, it *Christ* shall be,
'For all I do I'le do for *Thee*.

'(II.) My Question shall be oft beside,
'*How thou mayst most be Glorify'd?*
'(III.) I will not any Creature Love;
'But in the *Love* of Thee above.

'(IV.) Thy *Will* I will embrace for mine,
And every management of thine
Shall please me. (V.) A *Conformity*
To Thee shall be my *Aim* and *Eye*.

'(VI.) *Ejaculations* shall ascend
Not seldom from me. (VII.) I'le attend
Occasional Reflections, and
Turn all to *Gold* that comes to hand.

'(VIII.) And in particular among
My Cares, I'le try to make my *Tongue*
A *Tree of Life*, by speaking all
As be accountable who shall.

'(IX.) But

'(IX) But *last*, nay *first* of all, I will
'Thy *Son* my *Surety* make and ſtill
'Implore Him, that He would me bleſs
'With *Strength* as well as *Righteouſneſs*.

He would alſo keep *whole Days* of *Prayer*, and *Praiſe*, by himſelf: And he would ſet himſelf to Conſider much on that Queſtion, *What ſhall I do for God?*

He was much in *Meditation*, and often wrote the chief Heads of his *Meditation*. He would Read the Scripture, with a *Note*, and a *Wiſh* fetched out of every verſe. And at Night, he would ask,

I. *What has Gods mercy to me been this day?*

II. *What has my Carriage to God been this day?*

III. *If I Dy this night, is my Immortal Spirit ſafe?*

Many more ſuch imitable things, are in the Hiſtory of his Life (diverſe times Printed at *London*,) reported of him.

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EXAMPLE IV.

ANN GREENOUGH, the Daughter of Mr. *William Greenough*, left the world, when she was but about five years old, and yet gave astonishing Discoveries of a Regard unto God and Christ, and her own Soul, before she went away. When she heard any thing about the Lord *Jesus Christ*, she would be strangely transported, and ravished in her Spirit at it; and had an unspeakable Delight in *Catechising*. She would put strange *Questions* about Eternal things, and make *Answers* her self that were extreamly pertinent. Once particularly, she asked, *Are not we dead in Sin?* and presently added, *But I will take this way, the Lord Jesus Christ shall make me alive.* She was very frequent and constant in *Secret prayer*, and could not with any patience be interrupted in it. She told her Gracious Mother, *That she there prayed for her!* And was covetous of being with her Mother, when she imagined such Duties to be going forward. When she fell sick as full of a Consumption, she would not by any sports be diverted from the Thought

Thoughts of *Death*, wherein she took such pleasure, that she did not care to hear of any thing else. And if she were asked, *Whether she were willing to Dye?* She would still chearfully Reply, *Ay, by all means, that I may go the Lord* Jesus Christ.

EXAMPLE V.

AT *Boston*, 12*d*, 5*m*. 1694. there dyed one DANIEL WILLIAMS, in the Eighteenth year of his Age.

There was a Collection made of some of his Dying Speeches.

Being asked, *Whether he Loved God?* He replied, *Yes, I Love Him dearly; for, Lord, whom have I in Heaven, but Thee?*

He said, 'God has promised, *They that seek Him Early shall find Him.* Ever since 'I was a Child, I Dedicated my self to 'seek and serve the Lord. Though I have 'not had so much Time, as some others, 'yet that little Time which I had, I spent 'in waiting on, and wrestling with God by 'Prayer: and I said, *I will not let thee go, 'except thou bless me.*

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Seeing some of his Relations weep, he said, *why do you Cry, when I am ready to Sing for Joy?*

They saying, They knew not how to part with him, he replyed, *Why? Are you not willing I should go to my Heavenly Father? I shall quickly be with my Heavenly Father, & with His Holy Angels, where they are singing of Hallelujahs. Its better being there than here. When I am there, I shan't wish my self here, in this Troublesome world again. I have a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is best of all.*

He was much Concerned for poor perishing Souls. He would say, 'Oh, that 'I had but Strength! How would I Pray, 'and Sigh, and Cry to God, for the 'poor World, that lives in Sin and Pride!

He Expressed himself, most pathetically to his Relations, when he took his leave of them.

At last, he asked, *What Angel that was, that he saw before him? well*, said he, *I shall quickly be with him: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!*

A Friend asking him how he did, he said, *'I am ripe toward for Heaven.* 'I would 'not have you pray for my Life; I am 'afraid you do!

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On the day of his Death, being full of Pain, he said, 'Jesus Christ bore more 'than this, and He Dyed for me; and 'shall I be afraid to Dy, and go to Him: 'No, I am not.

Then said he, *O Death where is thy Sting? O Grave where is thy Victory?*

EXAMPLE VI.

An Extract of a Letter, from *Southold*, 23 *d.* 4 *m.* 1698.

'I Have been requested, to give you 'this Account, from the Parents of a 'Gracious Child, who in all her Life did 'comport her self, to walk in the Lords 'Holy Fear, and gave a great Attention 'in Hearing the Word of God, and the 'Lord was pleased to ripen her for Him-'self, though she was but fifteen years, 'and four months old. Though she was 'young, it pleased the Lord, to put a 'great fear and awe upon her Heart, of 'breaking the *fifth Commandment*. And 'when she was under the Dispensation of

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'God in Sickneſs, it pleaſed the Lord for
'to endue her with patience, to be willing
'to bear His Hand, with all meekneſs.
'She Confeſſed herſelf to be a great Sinner,
'and to have ſinned againſt a Gracious
'God. But the Lord vouchſafed her a
'ſtrong Faith, to Believe, that He is a
'merciful God, & willing to Forgive Sins,
'and that He had Forgiven her Sins, in the
'Blood of our Bleſſed Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.
'And, therefore ſhe was very willing to
'leave the world, and her Father and
'Mother, having Faith, that ſhe was *go-*
'*ing to Chriſt*. Theſe were her own Ex-
'preſſions. When her Mother did ask
'her, if ſhe was *willing to Dy*, for ſhe was
'*too young to Dy*: She ſometime before
'ſhe dyed, ſaid, ſhe was not *fit to Dye*,
'but prayed unto the Lord, that He would
'pleaſe to *fit* her & *make* her willing to Dy.
'*Oh*, ſaid ſhe, *Death comes unawares, it comes*
'*like a Thief in the Night*! The Lord granted
'her deſire: For afterwards, when her
'Mother asked her, *My Child are you wil-*
'*ling to Dy*? Her anſwer was, That now
'ſhe was *willing to Dy*, and to leave a
'thouſand worlds, and Father and Mother,
'and all to go to Chriſt. She deſired, That

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'the *Curtains* might be drawn, that the 'light of this world might not deprive her 'from beholding the Brightneſs and the 'Glory of the other World. And when 'ſhe ſee her Father and Mother weeping 'for her, ſhe ſaid, *My dear Father and 'Mother, don't mourn for me; you might 'well mourn for me, if I were to go into 'utter Darkneſs; but I am going to God in 'Heaven. I long to be in the New Jeru-'ſalem, with the Lord Jeſus Chriſt: And 'now I can Dye.* And lying a while in an 'Agony, when ſhe came out of that Ago-'ny, ſhe ſaid, *Mother, did you not hear 'me Sing? I thought, I was in Heaven with 'the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, & my Grand-Parents, 'and the Holy Angels, and heard ſuch melo-'dious Praiſes of God, as I never heard; and 'I was very ſorry that I could not Sing like 'them.* She ſaid unto her Relations, *Oh, 'don't ſet your Hearts upon the world, nor 'look for the Honours and Riches of this 'world, but ſeek firſt the Kingdom of Heaven!* She would call upon her Father to go to Prayer at the Evening, and ſay, *I cannot, I dare not go to ſleep without it.* She wiſhed, That ſome Young People might come to her, to put 'em in mind

"*Consider their Latter End*, and leave off "their Pride. There came a Young maid "to see her, and she said to her, with "Tears in her Eyes, That she should not "follow the Fashions of the world, and not "put off Repentance to a sick-bed. Yea, "she spake to all them that were about "her, *That they would not mind this world, "but the other World.* Her Mother asked "her, If she was not afraid to ly in the "Dust? But she was not thoughtful, what "should become of her *Body*, believing her "*Soul* should go to God. *Mother*, said she, "*I could not Sing here, but now I am going "to sing the Praises of God in Heaven.*" Looking on her Father, she said, *Oh, "Father, there is no God like our God, for "He is a God Pardoning Iniquity, Transgres-"sion, and Sin.* She said, *I wonder how you "do, to love to live in such a Troublesome, "Evil, and Sinful world: Don't you see how "the Judgments of God, are all over the Earth.* "She often Cried out, *O Lord Jesus, Come: "Let thine Angels come, and carry me to the "Bosome of Abraham!*

"This is a true Relation of this Gra-"cious Flower of the Lord Jesus Christ. "She was an only Child; her Name was

Elizabeth

'*Bethiah*, the Daughter of *Thomas* and '*Mary*, *Longworth*.

'The Lord raiſe up your Heart, to 'declare His wonderful mercies, in work-'ing ſo Graciouſly upon the Heart of ſuch 'a young Flower; that the Lord may raiſe 'up more ſuch Gracious Souls, in our Ri-'ſing Generation.

I remain,

your affectionate Brother,

I. S.

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This shot repeats the previous one, but with different lighting.

"Conſider their Latter End, and leave off their Pride. There came a Young maid to ſee her, and ſhe ſaid to her, with Tears in her Eyes, That ſhe ſhould not follow the Faſhions of the world, and not put off Repentance to a ſick-bed. Yea, ſhe ſpake to all them that were about her, *That they would not mind this world, but the other World.* Her Mother asked her, If ſhe was not afraid to ly in the Duſt. But ſhe was not thoughtful, what ſhould become of her *Body*, believing her *Soul* ſhould go to God. *Mother*, ſaid ſhe, *I could not Sing here, but now I am going to Sing the Praiſes of God in Heaven.* Looking on her Father, ſhe ſaid, *Oh, Father, there is no God like our God, for He is a God Pardoning Iniquity, Tranſgreſſion, and Sin.* She ſaid, *I wonder how you do, to love to live in ſuch a Troubleſome, Evil, and Sinful world: Don't you ſee how the Judgments of God, are all over the Earth.* She often Cried out, *O Lord Jeſus, Come: Let thine Angels come, and carry me to the Boſome of Abraham!*

"This is a true Relation of this Gracious Flower of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt: She was an only Child; her Name was,

"Bethiah,

'*Bethiah*, the Daughter of *Thomas* and '*Mary*, *Longworth*.

'The Lord raiſe up your Heart, to 'declare His wonderful mercies, in work-'ing ſo Graciouſly upon the Heart of ſuch 'a young Flower; that the Lord may raiſe 'up more ſuch Gracious Souls, in our Ri-'ſing Generation.

I remain,

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Heart, and *Prayer to God*, was one of his Early Exercises.

There was one very Remarkable effect of it. His *Father* was a man of a very Licentious Converſation; a Gameſter, a Dancer, a very Lewd Company-keeper. The Mother of this *Elect-Veſſel*, one day took him, while he was yet a *Child*, and calling the Family together, made him to *Pray* with them. His *Father* coming to underſtand, at what a rate the *Child* had Pray'd with his Family, it ſmote the Soul of him, with a great Conviction, & proved the Beginning of his Converſion unto God. God left not off working on his Heart, until he proved One of the moſt *Eminent Chriſtians* in all that Neighbour-hood. So he *Lived*, ſo he *Dyed*; a man of more than Ordinary Piety. And it was his manner ſometimes to Retire unto thoſe very places of his Lewdneſſes, where, having that his little Son in his Company, he would pour out Floods of Tears, in Repenting Prayers before the Lord.

Some SCRIPTURAL HYMNS
FOR
Children.

[1.] Little Children
Brought unto the Lord JESUS CHRIST.
On *Mat.* XIX. 14.

WHen *Little Children* once were brought
To our most Gracious Lord,
Them that Oppos'd, He better Taught,
By this most precious Word:

'*Suffer* Your *Little Children*, so,
'*Forbid* them not, I say,
'Their Saviour to *come* unto;
'I'm *He*, and *come* they may.

'Acknowledge me a mighty King,
'That *Heavenly Guests* give;
Infants to me, for *Subjects* bring;
'*My Heaven* does *them* receive.

Thus does our Blessed *Shepherd* call,
Our *Lambs* into His *Fold:*
Lord! pour thy *Blessings* on them all,
Blessings richer than Gold.

Oh! What a Glorious *Grace* is This,
Which God through Christ will grant,
That HE *ours* and *our Childrens* is,
In His Best *Covenant.*

[II.] Early Religion.

1 *King.* XVIII. 12.

O That while I am *Young* I might,
Fear the most Glorious One;
And not my Great *Redeemer* Slight:
Thine, Lord, I'm THINE *alone.*

2 *Chron.* 34. 3.

May I while I am very *Young*,
Seek unto God by *Prayer:*
And those *Lov'd* Ones be found among
That *Early Seekers are.*

Psal. 119. 9.

May I, while I am *Young*, give Heed
Unto thy *Holy* Word;
Call'd, there to *Cleanse* my wayes with Speed
By the most *Holy Lord.*

2 *Job.* 4

2 *Joh.* 4.

Though I am yet a *Child*, I wou'd
In my moſt Forward *Youth*,
Walk, by the conduct of my God,
In the *pure* paths of *Truth*.

2 *Tim.* 2. 22.

Thoſe *Lusts* that *Youthful* are, to me
May they moſt *Hateful* prove;
And may the *Laws* of JESUS be
My Sweeteſt Joy and Love.

Eccl. 12. 1.

Lord, THEE, my Maker, *Thee*, To Day,
God, *Father*, *Son*, and *Spirit*,
I would *Remember*, that I may
Eternal Life Inherit.

[III.] The Conſent of the Believer unto the Ten Commandments.

LORD, I ſhould have no *Lord*, beſide
Thee, to be Lov'd, Serv'd, *Glorify'd*,
I ſhould the *Glory* due to Thee,
In *Wayes*, pay, that *Appointed* be.

Thy *Names*, Thy *Words*, Thy *Works*, I ſhould,
Sacred for *proper Uſes*, hold.
The *Dayes* which thou made *Sacred* haſt,
I ſhould not in *Diverſions* waſt.

In

In their *Fit places*, every one,
I should with all *Fit Honours* own.
That *Life* none may unjustly Loose,
Means I should with all kindness use.

Chast I should be in every *part*,
Yea, *Chast* in every *Thought* of Heart.
To *Get* and *Keep* my Worldly *Wealth*,
I should commit no sort of *Stealth*.

Truth I should utter, and *maintain*,
And no *Good Name* with *Slander* stain.
With sweet *Content* I should Receive
All the *Wise God* will please to give.

Lord, By the *Blood of* CHRIST, I pray,
Save me, who do not thus obey;
And by the *Strength* of CHRIST, from hence,
Sav'd, Let me yield Obedience.

[IV.] The Lords Prayer.

OUR *Father*, in the Heavenly Throne,
Inclin'd from thence to Help us all;
For the Sake of thy Blessed *Son*,
Thy *Children* thus upon Thee Call.

We

We would thy Ever-glorious *Name*,
As *Holy*, with Great Fear Adore:
And wiſh that All may in the ſame,
Thy *Holy One Praiſe* Evermore.

May thy Juſt *Kingdom Come*, we Pray;
That thou art *the World's King*, we know:
But, Oh! bring on that Happy Day,
When all *the World* ſhall own Thee ſo.

May we thy Righteous *Will* approve,
And it all Things commanding ſee,
As it in the *New Heaven* above,
And the *New Earth* below, ſhall be.

Lord, Give us a *Convenient Food*;
What may be *Such*, to *Thee* we leave
And let us not want *any Good*;
All we Rely on *Thee* to give.

Our *Faults*, by which we are in *Debt*
To Thy dread Juſtice, Lord, Releaſe:
Chriſt Payes our *Debt*; And we Forget,
For *this*, our Neighbours Injuries.

We're Frail; Us from *Temptation* Save;
Sins, Oh! *Sins*, The *worſt Evils* are:

Us

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Us Let not *Evil Tempters* have,
And hold in any *Sinful Snare*.

Thou hast the *Rule* of All; A Word
Of thine can *Do* All: To Thee then
All *Honour's* due: We Shout, O Lord,
AMEN, in *Faith* of thy, AMEN!

[V.] The Lords-Day.

On *Rev.* I. 10.

THis is the *Day of Rest*, whereon
Our Lord *Rose* from the Dead;
The Price of mans *Redemption*,
This Day was fully paid.

This is to us, the *Joyful Day*,
Which our *Lord* made His *own*,
By His most *Wonderful* Display
Of *Pow'r* and *Grace* thereon.

The *Jewish* Sabbath Laid *Asleep*
With our *Lord* under Earth,
Directs us Now *This Day* to keep
Of our Lords *Second Birth*.

This is the *Day*, our *Lord* now chose
Thereon still to *Appear*;

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